

GENERAL STATE NEWS.

Cream of the State Press.

Clusters of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the South; Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North; Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West, and Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South.

Pineville came near having a serious fire one day recently.

Mr. Robert Oates, Jr., of Charlotte, will build a knitting mill at an early day.

Railroads run through all but twelve of the ninety-six counties in North Carolina. It is believed that the Stokes county tobacco crop is the finest ever grown there.

Arrangements have been made whereby the street railway of Wilmington will run by electricity.

The *Twin City Daily* says that 245,951 pounds of tobacco was shipped from that place last week.

It is thought that Gen. Manning is to be the appointee of collector of the port of Wilmington.

The Presbyterian Orphanage is to be removed from Charlotte to Barriam Springs, Iredell county.

Saturday night in a fight in Madison a negro barber named Williams was killed by another negro.

Jonesboro *Leader*: John M. Sloan has been appointed storekeeper and gauger in the fourth district.

Belgian blocks from a granite quarry near Mt. Airy are to be used in paving the streets of Winston.

The Charlotte knitting mill won the gold medal at the Raleigh Fair for the best exhibited underwear.

The Concord *Standard* tells of a pumpkin vine that grew inside a pumpkin somewhere in that region.

The *Franklin Times* tells a yarn about a partridge hatching a chicken and raising it during the past summer.

Mr. Chas. Eagle, of Cabarrus county, was shot in the leg by unknown parties, near Concord one night last week.

The *Murphy Scout* says that Mrs. Lillian Gould will eventually return from Buffalo to reside there permanently.

A colored fellow, Osborn Collins, died of eating too many oysters in Durham Friday night. They must have not been ripe.

Two trains on the R. & D. Road, at Raleigh, collided last Tuesday and smashed up things to some extent. No one was hurt.

The Elizabeth City *Falcon* is after the church members of the Fair Association there for allowing gambling in the Fair grounds.

The Oxford Land and Improvement Company has decided to build a mammoth cotton factory at that place to cost \$100,000.

A small house containing a bale of cotton was accidentally burned on the farm of Mr. H. C. Watson, in Richmond county, a few days ago.

Roxboro is to have a new bank. It will be opened on the 1st of November. J. A. Long is President and J. S. Merritt Vice President.

Mount Holly *News*: We have it from a reliable source that the talked-of spoke and handle factory, for Mount Holly, is an assured fact.

A Dallas, Tex., paper says that the people of that city are being held spell bound by the piano playing of Mrs. Geo. Person, of North Carolina.

Some expert mineral men say that the whole bed of Valley River in Cherokee county, on each side is underlaid with marble of different kinds.

A little negro was knocked off the track by a train on the Raleigh and Gaston road last week while trying to pull his dog off the track. He was not killed.

We learn from the *Rockingham Rocket* that a young man by the name of Hart accidentally shot himself through the hand at Pee Dee a few days ago.

A Cleveland county farmer attempted to steal a kiss from a married woman and it cost him forty dollars—a bale of cotton—for the offense, yet he got no kiss.

In the Durham fire, J. F. Slaughter, cashier of the Fidelity bank, escaped through a window by a ladder from his room in the second story, in which he slept.

The Copper Knob Company, after a rest of several years, has resumed operations at its mines at Gap Creek, Ashe county, and is employing a number of hands.

Lincolnton *Courier*: Bishop Lyman confirmed eighteen persons at the Episcopal Church here last Sunday a week, and ten others in Rev. W. R. Wetmore's charge.

There have been a number of good finds in the Uwharrie section lately, not enough to call them mines, but still enough to gladden the hearts and fill the purses of the finders, among them is that of Aleck Bean and Jno. Beaman on Horse Mountain, Morgan and Warner on Bunell Mountain and L. Harper on the Pass Harris place, says the Salisbury *Watchman*.

James and Allen Upchurch, of St. Matthew's township, Wake county, had a turkey hunt one day last week and killed six fine wild turkeys. Who can beat this?

Asheville *Citizen*: It now begins to look as if the murder of Mrs. Rhoda Morrison by her husband, Henry T. Morrison, was a story manufactured out of whole cloth.

Mount Olive *Telegram*: The cotton crop is the largest ever known in this section. Our farmers can pay out and have money enough to buy their supplies for next year.

We learn from the *Twin City Daily* that Mr. Joseph Clodfelter, of Davidson county, was taken with a fit while working on the bank of a creek and fell in and was drowned.

It is rumored that a combine has been made that the freight rate on cotton will be increased to a dollar a bale from here to Norfolk on the 28th, says the *Washington Gazette*.

What the *Troy Vidette* pronounces a fine quality of bituminous coal has been found on the Montgomery and Richmond line. And the indications are that there is a vast bed of it.

The Concord *Standard* gives an account of a fight between Tom Vanderburg and Tim Furr, both white, in Cabarrus county a few days ago. Vanderburg was badly, perhaps fatally hurt.

Durham *Globe*: Rhodes Herndon wanted to get out of jail on bail and the regular proceedings were resorted to. Judge MacRae heard the case and refused to grant the request.

The Durham *Sun* says that Mayor Angier, of that city, received a telegram one day last week stating that his son had been run over by a train at Birmingham and was seriously hurt.

Washington *Progress*: There is not a dwelling house in town that is not occupied that we know of. There are applications nearly daily for residences which cannot be furnished.

It was reported here this morning that one of the brakemen on the N. & C. Railroad fell from the top of a car while the train was in motion and broke his arm, says the *Tarboro Southerner*.

The Parrish building, owned by Mr. J. S. Carr, Durham, was burned a few days ago. It was insured for its full value. Several parties doing business in the building sustained small losses.

Goldsboro *Argus*: The first month of the present session of the public schools of our city concluded on Friday, showing an enrollment of 542 at the white graded school, and 112 at the colored.

The Smithfield *Herald* says that Mr. J. M. Surles, of Elevation township, made with one ox, this year, 7½ bales of cotton, 100 bushels of potatoes, 20 barrels of corn, 90 gallons of syrup and other crops.

A colored convict attempted to escape from the railroad camp last Tuesday morning and was shot by one of the guards and seriously, though not dangerously wounded, says the *Mocksville Times*.

Wilson *Advance*: We were in error some time since in regard to the size of the new tobacco warehouse here. It will be 160 feet long by 70 feet wide, a shed along one side. Work is now in progress.

We learn from the Statesville *Landmark* that Mrs. Jas. Dunnire, of Alexander, accidentally shot and killed her sister, Mrs. J. W. Lackey, in Alexander county, a few days ago, while carelessly handling a pistol.

Lexington *Dispatch*: We have heard less grumbling this year in regard to crops than in a long time. We trust that all the farmers in the county and elsewhere will have a better yield all around than in many years.

Winston more than doubled Danville last week on internal revenue collections and shipments of manufactured stock. Our collections amounted to \$20,476.08, while Danville's footed up a little over \$9,000.—*Winston Daily*.

The tall, black negro, known as the ghost who has been standing around on the street for the past eight months, was taken to the Insane Asylum at Goldsboro by officer Hoffman last Wednesday, says the *High Point Enterprise*.

Elizabeth City *Carolinian*: There was a serious cutting scrape last week in lower Pasquotank between two men named Price and Keaton, about the division of molasses. One was bruised with a stick and the other cut with a knife.

Bob Phillips, a ragged rogue of color, entered Mr. Nat Fulford's store Monday night and stole fifteen dollars, two pistols, six pocket knives and about a peck of cartridges. Chief McDewett pulled him in, says the *Washington Gazette*.

Cherokee *Scout*: We understand that Sam Bryson, of Dillsboro, will immediately build a 25 room hotel at Andrews. Several other buildings will go up shortly.

—Rev. Mr. Brown is "hustler" when it comes to raising money to build a church. He raised something over \$400 last Thursday morning in a few minutes to build a Presbyterian church at Andrews.

We learn from the Charlotte *Chronicle* that Mr. Harris Johnston, of Mecklenburg, was waylaid by unknown parties one night last week and has three bullets in his head. He may recover. Robbery is thought to have been the object.

Monday morning the incoming train on the Roanoke & Southern Railroad knocked a little colored girl from the track in a curve near the cut which crosses Liberty street within the corporation, says the *Danbury Reporter and Post*.

Durham still continues to move up along the line of enterprise. The Mallory Durham Cheroot Co., has been organized with J. T. Mallory, President; R. C. Pleasants, Treasures, and E. C. Hackney, Secretary. The capital stock is \$30,000.

The reported killing of Mrs. H. T. Harrison by her husband a few days ago, was a hoax. She has been found and is living peacefully with her husband about ten miles in the country, says the Asheville correspondent of the *State Chronicle*.

Rev. John Seales, colored, convicted in Durham Superior Court last week of chicken stealing, and sentenced to four months in jail with leave to the county commissioners to hire him out. His congregation paid the cost and hired him.

Salisbury *Watchman*: D. A. Sifford is having strawberry pie at his house, not the canned kind but regular old sure enough strawberry pie. He brought a pie of them to our office this morning gathered on hour or two before from his patch.

We learn through a very reliable source that the owners of the Moratcek mine (the Hamilton), have a good thing, and that developments so far indicate this as one of the most valuable properties in the Uwharrie gold region, says the *Troy Vidette*.

A young man named Williams was arrested and brought to Rocky Mount a day or two ago charged with slandering a young lady of Edgecombe county. The case was compromised by Williams agreeing to leave the county for five years.—*Phoenix*.

Dr. Josh Smith, of Stoneville, has in his circuit traveled probably more miles than any man in North Carolina. He has been around the world two or three times in the course of his practice—extending over about twenty years, says the *Reidsville Review*.

Greenville *Reflector*: Mr. Noah Forbes, Jr., brought us two curiosities on Friday. One was a twin apple, both growing from one stem, and the other was a peanut, the stem of which had grown through a stick, the pod forming on the opposite side from the vine.

Oxford *Ledger*: It was all a mistake about the death of Mr. Jas. Hunt, of Brassfield township. He did fall off the train on his head, and got severely hurt, but he is all right and had the pleasure of reading the announcement of his death in the newspapers.

Gourds with knots tied in the handles are somewhat of a curiosity, we believe. That is the kind Mr. A. G. Finch is growing this season, and while he is not proud of the accomplishment, he has them on exhibition in Rowland's drug store, says the *Wilson Advance*.

While David Pender, with W. S. Clark, was waiting on a negro customer, a pair of shoes disappeared. Searching found them in the negroes bag. He protested his innocence, declaring it was a mistake—he did not know he put them there, says the *Carolina Banner*.

Scotland Neck has a knitting mill. The *Democrat* says there are twenty-six operatives at work to-day besides the superintendent and manager and not half of the machines are running yet. The goods are all right and the capacity will be from 175 to 200 dozen per day.

Mr. George Lane, a brother of our esteemed county commissioner, John A. Lane, was caught in a gin one day last week and received such injuries that he has since died. It was a heart-rending occurrence. We extend sympathy to the bereaved, says the *Wilson Advance*.

Mr. Wiley Deams, one of the best men in Wilson county, of Old Fields, was in town Tuesday. Like every farmer in the county, he has a good crop. He has made fifty-seven crops, and never failed until last year to make his own "hog and moinny," says the *Wilson Advance*.

We learn from the *Wilson Advance* that the gin house of G. E. Gales was burned last Thursday morning. About 20,000 pounds of seed cotton was also burned. The gin was run by horse power and the fire was evidently the work of an incendiary, and was fired from the outside.

Durham *Sun*: Rev. J. L. Kittrell closed the revival meeting at Main Street Church last night, and left on the early morning freight for Mount Airy, where he will conduct a meeting. He carries with him the good wishes and blessings this people to whom he has preached so faithfully. Just before he left he was the recipient of many substantial tokens of esteem from members of Main Street church.

Greensboro *Workman*: Mrs. Betsy Williams, who lives near Flat Rock was severely burned on last Friday by her clothes taking fire. She was alone in the house, and when she discovered the fire she ran and got into a tub of water thus preventing a more horrible accident.

Jas. Stutts and Giles Williamson, accused of feloniously placing obstructions on the track of the Aberdeen & West End Railroad, about one mile from Candor, on last Thursday night, were brought here Monday by offi er J. W. Hunsucker and placed in jail, says the *Troy Vidette*.

Mr. John Springs Davidson is making his mark as a stock raiser. Some of his sales have been noted in previous issues of the *News*. To day he sold a thoroughbred grass-widow Berkshire, with a sub-treasury strain in her veins, to Maj. Jas. G. Harris for \$25, says the *Charlotte News*.

Joe Griffin, colored, J. H. Walker & Co's drayman, was killed by a train near the section-house, about a mile north of town Sunday night. Some think that he was murdered and put on the track, but the coroner's jury decided that he came to his death as stated above, says *Webster's Weekly*.

A colored man named John Warren, had one of his arms torn off in Sever's cotton gin, just west of the city, at 11 o'clock last night. He was engaged in cleaning the saws when the machinery was suddenly put in motion and his arm was drawn between the saws, says the *Charlotte News*.

Mount Airy *News*: The branch revenue office at this place has been discontinued, and our tobacco manufacturers must now order their stamps from the branch office at Winston. — Mr. William Jessup, of Westfield, died at his residence in that township on September 8th, 1890, aged about 65 years.

Master Jimmie Mayo had the calf of his leg badly cut yesterday by a piece of slate thrown at him in fun by one of his schoolmates at the Reidsville Female Seminary. Though the wound is painful, it is not thought that it will result in permanent injury to the little fellow, says *Webster's Weekly*.

Greensboro *Democrat*: During the past week a number of rumors have been afloat concerning the Steel and Iron Company, one of the most authentic of which is to be the effect that a deal is being negotiated with a Virginia company, and that the Steel and Iron Company will probably sell out.

The Shelby *Aurora* says that Ned London, a clever and industrious negro, bought him a nice farm on the installment plan. We saw him Monday make his third annual payment, seven bales of cotton. He has met promptly his payments and in two more years will own a good farm, bought from Mr. J. B. Bostie.

We learn from the *Tarboro Southerner* that during an excursion on Sunday, the 12th, from Bell's Ferry to Greenville it is reported that a party of men got on the train and had with them a jug of liquor, and the crowd became so intoxicated and obstreperous that the train had to be stopped and relieved of the entire party.

The cotton crop in Cleveland is much better than the farmers at first expected and now promises to be a good yield, far superior to last year's crop. The late frost and auspicious fall weather have increased the cotton crop and put money in the farmers' pockets. This is a year of jubilee for the farmers, says the *Shelby Aurora*.

Durham *Globe*: The first load of lumber for the new Baptist Female College arrived last night, and will continue to come. As was stated in this paper some time ago, the present building is not to be large, and will cost but \$1,000. The committee, however, is at work raising funds for the purpose of building a magnificent structure.

J. R. Shandon, of this township, will make \$1,000 worth of cotton and 400 bushels of corn, besides "roughness," wheat, oats, peas and other crops. Mr. Shandon has done all his work with his own family, and didn't get an even start either, as he had bought a new place and had a great deal of cleaning up and repairing to do.—*Gastonia Gazette*.

Our readers remember about a cowardly night attack on Dr. Howell's residence at Cherryville. A malicious man tried his skill at target-shooting and with a pistol ball knocked out the light in a burning lamp on the table in Dr. Howell's room several months ago. Lee Mauney was tried for this offense with intent to kill Dr. Howell and he was sentenced last week to eighteen months in penitentiary, says the *Shelby Aurora*.

The *Washington Gazette* says that Penelope Alligood, a poor white woman, while walking through a bypath leading to her home from the main road near Mr. S. W. Woolard's discovered under a bunch of sweet gum bushes a bundle containing two undershirts, three pair of drawers, one outside shirt, two pair of socks, and a square piece of cloth with a pin in each corner. The dress shirt, the cloth and one pair of drawers, were almost covered with fresh blood.

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR A WEEK.

Sparks from the Wires.

Natural gas has been discovered near Florence, Ala.

There are nearly 25,000 inmates in the various soldiers' homes.

The Egyptian cotton crop is estimated at about 32,000,000 pounds.

The government contracts for 500,000 0-0 samped envelopes annually.

There have been over 23,000 deaths from cholera in Japan up to this time.

An orange measuring a foot in circumference has been found in Starke, Fla.

The police enumeration is expected to add 200,000 to the population of New York City.

Dr. John R. Boynton, the well-known lecturer, died at his home in Syracuse, N. Y., Monday.

George Bancroft, the historian, has just celebrated his 90th birthday at his home at Newport.

You can get 100 acres of land in Samoa for \$137, and the taxes will be only 39 cents a year.

Berlin drank last year 263,247,100 quarts of beer, about 150 quarts to every man, woman and child.

The court has awarded the Palace car Pullman \$25,000 from the Wagner car company for infringement.

A statue was unveiled at Concord, N. H., Thursday, in honor of Gen. John Stark, of Bennington fame.

Out of the 2,000 0 0 inhabitants in Norway, as many as 20,000 emigrate to the United States every year.

At the New York postoffice the money orders last year were 3,183,620 in number, and amounted to \$91,004,253.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland opened the Birmingham, Ala., Fair, on Monday by pressing an electric button at Lenox, Mass.

The largest perfect diamond in the world is the Imperial, owned by a syndicate in Paris. It is valued at \$1,000,000.

The oldest of existing observatories is that at Pekin, founded in 1279, and still containing three of the first instruments.

The Philadelphia *Times* says a Wilkesbarre woman's eight husbands appeared against her in court at one time Saturday.

The Police Board of Baltimore has ordered a recount of the population of that city, to be made by the police in November.

The conference of State Boards of Health urgently recommends the encouragement of tree planting as a sanitary measure.

Ex-President Cleveland made an argument before the U. S. Supreme Court a few days ago, and will get a fee of \$50,000.

Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, is mentioned as the probable successor of the late Judge Miller on the U. S. Supreme Court bench.

George M. Pullman, of Pullman palace car fame, will build a \$1,000,000 hotel in Chicago and have it completed in time for the World's Fair.

The West continues progressive if not prosperous. A Missouri Pacific train was robbed by three highwaymen within the limits of Kansas City.

In an investigation of the lives of 74 centenarians it has been stated that most of these were above average height. None had a bad digestion.

The total length of the streets, avenues, boulevards, bridges, quays, and thoroughfares of Paris is set down at 600 miles, of which nearly 200 are planted with trees.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—John Berrigan, flagman at Twenty-Fifth street and Stewart avenue, was shot and fatally wounded last night by August Montie, a switchman.

Opelika, Ala., Oct. 27.—Bob Redding, the notorious negro desperado who has been sought for ten years, was shot and killed yesterday morning by policeman Gibson.

There are 16 negro jockeys in the country who are paid from \$2,500 to \$8,000 a year, but not a colored minister in the United States receives one-half the lesser of these sums.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Oct. 25.—From two to six inches of snow fell in the Adirondacks last night. This is the first snow of this season and to-day the mountains present a wintry aspect.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 28.—Barium's circus train was wrecked at Murder Creek, on the Macon & Covington Railroad, at six o'clock this morning, while en route to Athens, Ga. Five persons were killed.

Reading, Pa., Oct. 25.—The Pottsville and Philadelphia express ran into a coal car about a mile north of Pottstown at 8:28 this morning, which resulted in the killing of one man and the injuring of six others.

Mrs. Cleveland's pictures come high. A Washington photographer who claims the exclusive copyright has instituted suit for \$34,000 damages against a Cincinnati lithographer for copying a photograph of Mrs. Cleveland.

Louise Montague, the former Forepaugh "\$10,000 beauty," has created a decided sensation in religious circles in San Francisco, joining the church and devoting herself entirely to works of piety and charity.

New Orleans, Oct. 27.—R. E. Betts yesterday made 25 and 50 mile records on a safety wheel. The 25 miles was covered in 1 hour, 32 minutes, 11 seconds, and the 50 miles in 3 hours, 12 minutes and 46 seconds.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 28.—On Sunday, ten miles below town, at a cotton plantation, four Mexican gamblers fell out over a monte game, when one of them drew his pistol and shot and killed the other three. The murder has not been arrested.

London, Oct. 28.—A colony of Russian gentlemen and ladies has been formed at Vishnee, Olotchok, a large town on the river Tsna, in the government of Tver, with the object of practicing the sexual tenets of the novelist Tolstoy. The colonists are all young.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 28.—The fire in the George Weideman Brewing Company's establishment in Newport, Ky., last night, destroyed a large warehouse containing 100,000 bushels of barley and malt. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, with insurance covering the loss.

Reading, Pa., Oct. 25.—Rev. Martin L. Fritch, for 25 years a respected minister of the Reformed denomination, during which time he was pastor of some of the largest congregations in Berks county, was sentenced here this afternoon to three months in jail and to pay \$10 fine, and costs amounting to \$250 for stealing.

Earnest C. Row, a young newspaper man of New Haven, Conn., arrived in San Francisco Tuesday night with a safety bicycle, which he had ridden clear across the American continent, as far as Ogden, with the exception of about 700 miles over a rough, almost roadless country, when he walked. The journey was commenced August 14th.

Eureka Springs, Ark., Oct. 28.—Fire started in H. Q. Collins' jewelry store in the Perry House on Spring street yesterday afternoon and consumed property valued at \$200,000. There was no loss of life. The Perry House, Springfield House, Ohio House, and 35 other business and dwelling houses were destroyed. The total insurance is about \$7,000.

Reading, Pa., Oct. 25.—Early this morning two masked men entered the residence of Mrs. Amanda Doebler, a wealthy widow residing on the outskirts of Lebanon county and demanded her money. She refused, when they set upon her with a knife, and brutally stabbed her in ten places on her head, besides cutting her on her body and arms.

Houston, Texas, Oct. 27.—Early yesterday morning an unknown negro passenger boarded Conductor Marshall's train on the Houston and Texas Central Road at Navasota. He refused to pay the fare and had a few words with a colored porter. The conductor threatened to put him off the train, when he drew a revolver and fired three shots into the porter, killing him.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 28.—Andover, a town with a population of about 1,500, located on the Oil City branch of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, was wiped out by fire yesterday. About twenty buildings, including the town hall and postoffice, were burned. Temporary relief has been given the inhabitants. Loss, \$40,000; pretty well covered by insurance.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 28.—Fire was discovered in St. Francis colored school yesterday afternoon, and when the cry of fire went up there was a panic among the 200 pupils in the school, ranging from 6 to 18 years of age. Katie Smith, aged 10, leaped from a third-story window and received fatal injuries. The fire, which was but a trifling affair, was extinguished and the panic allayed.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 27.—Joseph Gibson, a prominent citizen of Hiawasse, Ga., was found dead yesterday morning about a mile from town, near the house of a man named M. L. Amans, who is suspected of killing him. Gibson, it seems saw Amans beating his wife and remonstrated with him, at which he became very angry. Amans fled during the night and lynching parties have been formed to hunt for him.

Henry Gillman, United States Consul at Jerusalem, has informed the State Department that three locomotives of American make have arrived at Jaffa for the Jerusalem and Jaffa Railway. "It is of interest to our citizens and indeed, the entire world," says Mr. Gillman, "to know that the first locomotives ever used in this ancient land were made in the new world, in the United States of America."

London, Oct. 25.—A very prolific yield of petroleum has been discovered at Killybeg county, Down, Ireland, and a company is being formed to develop the product. The discovery of petroleum in paying quantities in Ireland will greatly assist in reviving the dormant industries of that country, and there are many who believe that Ireland will at no distant day be found to be one of the greatest oil-producing countries of the world.